4N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE REQUEST FOR FILING NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Under 35 USC 111(a) and Rule 53(b)

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T36-142915M/AIO Client Ref

Sir:

Herewith is the <u>PATENT APPLICATION</u> of Inventor(s): HAGANO et al.

Title FUEL TANK AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

| including: | | Date: March 5, 2002 | • |
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| 3. Declaration | Provisional, National or Internation | bstract 1 page(s); formal of size: onal application(s). ("X" box only i | 15_ numbered claims A4 |
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| | mational Application was | was not published under | PCT Article 21(2) in English |
| application(s) | | | |
| 9. Assignee (optional):Address10. FOREIGN priority is claimed | at and cover sheet. Please return Under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) | | |
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14. <u>DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL</u> priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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| | application is being filed under Rule 53(b)(2) since an inventor is named in the enclosed Declaration who wa prior application. ned: | as not |
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| 17. Prelim | ninary Amendment: | |
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| 19 Total Effective Claims | 15 | minus 20 = | *0 | x \$18/\$9 = | + 0 | 103/203 |
| 20 Independent Claims | 3 | minus 3 = | *0 | x \$84/\$42 = | +0 | 102/202 |
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| 22. TOTAL FILING FEE | | | LING FEE ENCLOSED = | \$740 | | |
| 23. If "non-English" box 2 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee | | | + \$130 | +0 | 139 | |
| 24 of "assignment" box 8 is X'd, add recording fee | | | + \$40 | + 40 | 581 | |
| 25. Attached is a Petition/Fee under Rule No. | | | + \$130 | +0 | 122 | |
| 26. | | | TO | TAL FEE ENCLOSED = | \$780 | |

| Our Deposit Ac | count No. 03-3975 | |
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Pillsbury Winthrop LLP Intellectual Property Group

| | By Atty: | John P. Darling | Reg. No. | 44,482 |
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